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August, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Gosforth Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 170/48 I beg to submit a very brief interim report on the health of the District during the year 1947; as usual some details of the sanitary circumstances of the area are given in the Senior Sanitary Inspector's Report which is presented herewith.

The official statistics furnished by the Registrar-General are used throughout the report; in all cases where numbers are stated, the comparative figures for 1946 will be inserted in brackets.

POPULATION.

The estimated civilian population at mid year 1947 was 23,130 (22,390) - this represents a further considerable increase.

BIRTHS.

423 (394) live births and 12 (9) still births were registered during the year; the birth rate was 18.7 (17.6) compared with 20.5 (19.1) for England and Wales.

There were no (1) maternal deaths.

INFANT MORTALITY.

10 (9) deaths of infants under one year of age were reported giving a rate of 23.6 (22.8) per thousand live births, the corresponding figure for England and Wales was 41 (43).

DEATHS.

There were 212 (239) deaths from all causes at all ages; the death rate was 9.1 (10.6) per thousand per annum against 12.0 (11.5) for England and Wales.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Apart from tuberculosis 481 (378) notifications were received - the vast majority were in respect of minor

illnesses such as Measles, Whooping Cough and Chickenpox; 1 (29) case of Dysentery, 19 (22) cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 (5) cases of Poliomyelitis and 3 (5) cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year - 2 of the notified cases of Diphtheria had been immunised.

During the year 26 (20) children were immunised by General Practitioners and 406 (337) at the Welfare Centre - a total of 432 (357).

In addition 1282 children who had already been treated received a supplementary dose, most of them by one of the Medical Officers of the Education Authority.

9 (8) deaths were attributed to Pneumonia and one to Whooping Cough but none to Diphtheria, Cerebro-spinal Fever or Scarlet Fever.

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

19 (23) new cases of Tuberculosis were notified and there were 2 (6) 'transfers' from other Districts; 12 (11) deaths occurred.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis (Consumption) accounted for 15 of the 19 notifications and 10 of the 12 deaths.

The total number of 'live' cases on the register at the end of the year was 122 (137) - of these 88 (101) were pulmonary and 34 (36) non-pulmonary.

#### CHILD WELFARE.

3670 (2484) domiciliary visits were paid by the Health Visitors and 196 (195) Child Welfare Sessions were held at the Centre at which the total number of attendances was 7524 (7029) by 1196 (1183) individuals of whom 446 (454) were 'new' children; in addition 522 (790) special interviews were granted to parents at the office and 383 (456) simple dressings were applied.

Apart from the 196 Child Welfare Sessions 31 Special Immunisation Sessions were held at which 996 Anti-Diphtheria injections were administered to 526 children, and 45 Ultraviolet Sessions at which 858 exposures were given to 40 children.

#### INFANT LIFE PROTECTION. (Children and Young Persons Act, 1932 - Part 5.

There were 5 children under nine years of age boarded out with foster-mothers during the twelve months; all these children were on the register at the end of the year.

Adoption of Children. During the year three persons gave notice to this Authority of their intention to place babies in the care of Adopters with a view to legal adoption. All three babies were legally adopted by the end of the year.

PREMATURE BIRTHS.

Twenty-nine Premature Births were notified during the year. Sixteen of these babies were born at home and thirteen in Hospital or Nursing Homes. Three died during the first 24 hours and one under one month. The remaining twenty-five made very good progress under the supervision of this department.

ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS.

113 (121) sessions were held at the Centre at which a total of 1210 (1371) attendances were registered; of these 217 (308) were Ante-natal first visits and 149 (115) Post-natal first visits. 12 of the 343 Expectant Mothers on the register were non-residents of Gosforth.

DENTAL CLINIC.

This clinic has now been established 16 years. During the year 27 (28) sessions were held and 65 (56) children had general anaesthetics administered for multiple extractions and minor operative treatment. The total attendances was 197 (196) and this included a number of ante-natal patients who received treatment for the relief of pain or general oral sepsis.

PEDICULOSIS.

As in previous years there was close co-operation with the School Nurse - houses where the children were known to be affected were visited, contacts examined and appropriate treatment recommended.

RINGWORM CLINIC.

At the beginning of the year there were 3 children under 5 years of age attending the Ringworm Clinic. They were eventually referred to the Skin Department, Royal Victoria Infirmary for special treatment as they had failed to respond to a long course of local treatment. Contacts and suspect cases continued to be examined under the Ultra Violet Ray Lamp but no new cases were reported.

SCABIES.

No reliable information is available as to the number of cases in the District but it is believed that the measures taken in previous cases have resulted in a much decreased prevalence.



### HOME HELP.

One full-time Home Help was employed by this Authority and during the year she attended 19 booked cases. Amount collected as per assessments was £52. 1. 10.

### GENERAL.

A review of the vital statistics for the year shows that the state of the District's health was very good in 1947 - in spite of the increase in population there were fewer deaths and the vast majority were those of elderly people.

The number of births is the highest ever recorded, and is double the number of deaths, and this meant a substantial increase in the work of the Maternity and Child Welfare Department.

Fortunately there were no maternal deaths and the Infant Mortality rate was again little more than half the National Rate.

Although the notification of infectious diseases showed an increase nearly all of them were in respect of minor illnesses - measles and chickenpox; only three cases of diphtheria were reported the lowest on record - none of them serious.

We are now reaping the benefit of the vigorous Immunisation Campaigns of previous years as nearly all the susceptible children have been immunised and a very large number have had a supplementary or 'boosting' dose just before reaching school age or later.

Tuberculosis continues to be a serious cause of invalidity and still takes a heavy toll of young lives although the death rate is well below that of the country generally and of Tyneside in particular.

Many of the known cases live in unsuitable houses but the improvement in living conditions and the replacement of all condemned and unhealthy property by modern dwellings will undoubtedly lead to a still further reduction in the incidence of the disease.

The work of the Health Department steadily increases but the staff cope with it diligently and willingly, encouraged by the personal interest taken by the Councillors in all that appertains to the health and well being of the inhabitants of the district.

Yours faithfully,  
W.H. DICKINSON,  
Medical Officer of Health.

Water Supply.

Addendum.

Definitions.

Satisfactory samples do not contain presumptive B.coli in 100 ccs.

Fair samples contain presumptive B.coli in 100 ccs. but not in  
10 ccs.

Unsatisfactory samples contain presumptive B.coli in 10 ccs. but  
not in 1 cc.

Bad samples contain presumptive B.coli in 1 cc. and less.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR.

To the Medical Officer of Health.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting a brief report on the work of the Department for the year ending December 31st, 1947. During the year, Mr. Richard William Sinclair was appointed additional Sanitary Inspector in succession to Mr. Gordon Bennett. Prior to his appointment with this Council, Mr. Sinclair held a similar appointment with Alnwick R.D.C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

Water Supply.

The whole of the district has a piped supply provided by the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company.

No complaints were received during the year, and no samples were procured.

I am indebted to the Chief Engineer of the Water Company for the following information, giving the results of bacteriological analyses of samples of water, taken throughout the Company's area, during the year.

No. of Samples. Satisfactory. Fair. Unsatisfactory. Bad.

352	333	16	3	-
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% of Total.	94.6	4.55.	0.85.	-
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Drainage and Sewerage.

Subsequent to further complaints in connection with the City Sewage Works, I considered it necessary to take samples of the final effluent before discharging into the watercourse, within this district.

The following report was received from W. G. Carey, F.I.C., Public Analyst, Newcastle, on a composite sample of the effluent taken on the 10th November, 1947.

Sample marked "Sewage Effluent from Fawdon Sewage Works".

Turbidity  
Colour  
Odour  
pH value

Turbid, part settles leaving cloudy.-  
Greyish-brown.  
Soupy  
7.4

Total Matter in Suspension	24.0 parts per 100,00
Character of Suspended Matter	Finely divided, brown-black.
Grease	5.0 parts per 100,000.
Chlorine as chlorides	10.65 " " "
Nitrogen as Nitrates & Nitrites	0.30 " " "
Free Ammonia	4.20 " " "
Albuminoid Ammonia	1.40 " " "
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours from Acid Permanganate)	5.96
Dissolved oxygen absorbed (B.O.D. 5 days)	53.0 " " "
Free chlorine	None
Phenols	None
Stability after incubation	Slight sewage smell.

REMARKS.

This sample of Sewage effluent is considerably stronger than it should be, Calculated from the analytical results by McGowans formula its strength is 59.4 whereas it should not be more than 10 to 15. Total matter in suspension should not be more than 3 parts per 100,000 nor should the oxygen absorbed from permanganate exceed 1.5 parts per 100,000 in a really good effluent.

Signed W. G. CAREY.

A copy of the report was sent to the Chief Sanitary Inspector, City & County Newcastle upon Tyne, who has since informed me that works of major improvement in connection with the Sewage Works are contemplated, and that it is hoped these works will be proceeded with, at an early date.

The first part of the work in connection with the redrainage and improvement of the sanitary accommodation at the Greyhound Stadium has now been completed. This work has resulted in abating a nuisance to residents in the Garden Village area, and has also been instrumental in securing a marked decrease in the incidence of rodent infestation at the Stadium. The work in connection with the improvement of the sanitary accommodation is still held up owing to the restriction on the issue of building licences. I feel, however, that this work should go forward at the earliest possible moment, and fresh approaches made to the Ministry concerned.

A considerable amount of work was involved during the year, in connection with the construction of new drains, principally on our new housing estates, and the reconstruction of existing drains, including the applications of water, smoke and colour tests.

Details of the work involved are as follows:-



Number of enquiries made re drainage works.	112
Number of water tests carried out	447
" " smoke " " "	86
New drainage constructed	9,500 yds.
Drains repaired or reconstructed	300 "
Additional gullies provided	15
Old gullies replaced.	13

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

A regular weekly collection of refuse, plus a separate weekly collection of salvage, has been maintained throughout the district.

The estimated quantity of refuse including salvage collected from all premises, was 8166 tons. 7301 tons were disposed of by controlled tipping at the Brunton Quarry Tip and 571 tons to farms, etc.

A monthly analysis table is shown <sup>below</sup> for your perusal.

Month 1947/48.	No. of Loads	No. of Bins	tonnage collected		
			t.	c.	q.
April	266	34311	863	7	3
May	224	30635	717	0	0
June	218	30320	660	4	3
July	215	30507	444	17	0
August	189	27870	387	9	0
September	220	32531	451	0	0
October	223	32040	638	13	0
November	204	31030	636	0	0
December	267	36660	776	9	0
January	263	36980	773	16	0
February	244	30440	735	15	0
March.	259	36200	787	10	2
Total	2792	383924	7872	2	0

### Vehicles.

The fleet of vehicles maintained by this Department for refuse collection and disposal is as follows:-

MAKE.	Reg.No.	Date of Purchase	CAPACITY.	TYPE.
VULCAN	JR.234	1933	6.0 c.yds.	SIDE LOADER
VULCAN	JR.3521	1935	12.3 c "	REAR LOADER, MOVABLE FLOOR.
KARRIER CK3	JR.6223	1937	12.7 c. "	do.
KARRIER CK3	JR.7867	1938	12.5 c "	do.
KARRIER BANTAM	ATY.898	1942	7.0 c "	SIDE LOADER.
KARRIER CK3	BTY.994	1946	10.0 c "	do.
COMMER	JR.5244	1936	3.7 c.yds.	SMALL UTILITY VAN.

A considerable amount of money has been expended during the year in thoroughly overhauling all the vehicles with the exception of BTY. 994. The amount expended has been justified, by the freedom from any major troubles, and the new "lease of life" given to the older vehicles.

### SALVAGE.

Every effort has again been made to keep the public "salvage conscious", and the Gosforth residents are responding well to our appeals, for more and more salvage.

The communal or street bin is still the principal means adopted for the collection of kitchen waste. This method is far from desirable, and I think the only solution to the problem is the individual household container. The cost of such a scheme is, however, fairly high, and one has to seriously consider whether the collection of kitchen waste will remain a permanent necessity.

The income from salvage during the financial year ending March 31st, 1948 amounted to £1285. 8. 2d. a decided increase on the previous two years.

The following table shows the amount of salvage collected and the income derived from it.

COMMODITY.	TONNAGE.			INCOME.		
	t.	c.	q.	£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper.	157	0	1	994	11	3
Bones		18	3	5	8	5
Metal	1	19	0	11	5	0
Kitchen Waste	131	10	0	197	5	0
Bottles and Jars.	2	14	1	4	1	0
Textiles	3	16	3	72	17	6
	297.	19.	0	£1285.	8.	2.

Details of Costs for the year ending 31st March, 1948.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Wages of Refuse collectors	5488	14	8			
National Insurance	152	14	1	5641	8	9
Motor Transport						
(a) Wages (Mechanics)	548	0	5			
(b) National Insurance	14	9	10			
(c) Materials (Repairs)	291	15	10			
(d) Petrol	399	17	2			
(e) Oil	15	6	8			
(f) Tyres	102	7	0			
(g) Licences and Insurances	238	12	6			
(h) Rent	6	15	0			
Miscellaneous	103	17	4	1721	1	9
Gross Cost.				7362	10	6
Gross Receipts.	13	14	11	13	14	11
Nett Cost.				£7348	15	7

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Wages	1176	0	4			
National Insurance	30	3	10	1206	4	2
Motor Transport						
(a) Wages (Mechanics)	66	14	3			
(b) National Insurance (N & U)	1	15	3			
(c) Material (Repairs)	11	5	0			
(d) Petrol	92	16	9			
(e) Oil	3	16	8			
(f) Tyres	34	2	6			
(g) Licences & Insurances	44	13	0	255	3	5
Brunton Quarry Tip	141	6	8			
Materials (Sundries)	35	12	11			
Transport of Waste Paper	182	11	0			
Loan Charge	89	1	2			
Miscellaneous	165	4	2	613	15	11
Gross Cost				2075	3	6
Gross Receipts						
Sale of Waste Paper etc.	1285	8	2			
Ministry of Supply						
Claims: Waste Paper	30	13	0			
" Kitchen Waste	92	15	0			
Transport of Waste Paper	183	16	6			
Miscellaneous	3	17	4	1596	10	0
Nett Cost.				478	13	6

Tables showing Costs for the year ending 31st March, 1948.

	COLLECTIONS			DISPOSAL			TOTAL		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Gross Expenditure	7362	10	6	2075	3	6	9437	14	0
Gross Income	13	14	11	1596	10	0	1610	4	11
	7348	15	7	478	13	6	7827	9	1
Nett Cost per ton		18	0		1	2		19	2

Cost on rates in the £.

8.78d.

Total refuse collected

8166.0 tons.

Weight (cwts) per 1000 population per day  
(365 days)

19.4 cwts.

Weight per premises

(approx) 25.0 cwts.

#### HOUSING.

Despite the continued shortage of labour, and materials, a good deal of repair work to properties has been carried out following the service of informal notices upon the persons concerned.

In sixteen cases, statutory action was taken, under Section 93 Public Health Act, 1936, two of the notices being outstanding at the end of the year. In two cases, statutory action was taken under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, both notices being complied with.

Many of the older properties in the district are rapidly deteriorating, but any progress in their improvement is retarded by the shortage of labour and materials. The demand for rehousing continues to increase steadily and until this demand has been satisfied, there can be little hope of any work in connection with slum clearance schemes being carried out.

I am informed by Mrs. Watson, Acting Housing Officer, that during the year, housing accommodation has been found for 454 families. The number of housing applications at the end of the year was 1400.

All investigations concerning housing applications are carried out by your Sanitary Officers, and over 300 visits were made in this connection during the year.

Infestation Order, 1943.

Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1919.

During the year, the Council entered into a Private Dwelling, Special Scheme, introduced by the Ministry of Food, whereby the



Ministry of Food contributed 60% and the Council 40% of the cost involved in the treatment of private dwellings against rat and mice infestation.

The services of the Council's Rodent operators are still available to occupiers of business premises at an inclusive charge of 3/- per hour.

The number of complaints received during the year in connection with rodent infestation was 39, and the number of premises involved 62. Primary inspection revealed that 55 of the premises concerned were infested. There was no evidence to support the complaints of any infestation in the remainder.

Infestation at the Grange Park and Grange Lane Estates reached a fairly high degree, following the commencement on the construction of new houses on those estates. This matter has received the constant attention of your Sanitary Officers, and I can safely state that the infestation has been reduced to minor proportions.

During the year two sewer maintenance treatments were carried out, one in May and the other in December.

Results of these treatments are as follows:-

	May.	December.
Total No. of manholes treated	265	357
Final assessment of poison bait takes:-		
	May.	December.
Small	71	68
Good	-	9
Estimated kill per formula of Ministry of Food	533	712

#### VERMINOUS PREMISES.

A few complaints were received during the year in connection with infestations by bugs, fleas and cockroaches.

Disinfestation of premises and articles was carried out by applications of Zaldocide/DDT. or Gammoxane dust D.034 with excellent results.

In all cases revisits were made, and when found necessary further treatment carried out, to ensure that the premises concerned were free from vermin.

#### Factories Act, 1937.

The following tables give in detail, the number of visits, and notices served, to remedy defects found in course of inspection of the various factories in the district.

Premises.	Number on Register.	Inspections.	Written notices.
Factories			
Mechanical	39	117	9
Non-Mechanical	25	75	8
TOTAL	64	192	17

Particulars.	Defects found.	Defects Remedied.	Referred by H.M. Inspector.
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	6	6	
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	
Unreasonable Temp. (S3)	-	-	
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S6)	2	2	
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)			
(a) Unsuitable or Defective	7	6	1
(b) Not separate for Sexes.	2	2	1
	17	16	2

There are no outworkers in this district.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

#### (a) Dairies and Cowsheds.

Two cow-keepers who are also retailers of milk remained on the register, namely, A.F. Moralee, Red House Farm, Fawdon and J.R. Oliver, Home Farm, Gosforth.

The number of cows kept was approximately 82, the great<sup>er</sup> number being the "T.T." herd at Red House Farm. Frequent and regular inspections<sup>were</sup> of the farms were carried out during the year, and both premises maintained in a satisfactory condition.

#### Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.

The following is a summary of the particulars of the Milk and Dairies Register at the 31st December, 1947.

No. of persons registered as cow-keepers	2
No. of premises registered as cowsheds	2
No. of cows kept on registered premises	82
No. of cow-keepers retailing milk	2
No. of persons registered as dairymen in the area	3
No. of dairymen outside the area, retailing within the area.	13

Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936.

The following licences, for the sale of graded milk within the area, were issued.

To sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	6
To sell Accredited Milk	1
To sell Pastourised Milk	1

Bacteriological Examination of Milk.

134 samples of milk were procured for examination at the County Laboratory, with the following results.

Examination.	Grade of Milk.	No. found		Total.	Satisfy %.
		Satisfy.	Unsatisfy.		
Methylene Blue Test.	Ungraded	42	25	67	62.68
	Accredited	13	6	19	68.42
	Pastourised	6	2	8	75.00
	"T.T."	13	5	18	72.22
	"H.T."	4	6	10	40.00
Phosphatase.	Pastourised	8	-	8	100.00
	"H.T."	4	-	4	100.00
B. Tuberculosis		Not found	Present.		
	Ungraded.	10	-	10	100.00
	Accredited	6	-	6	100.00
	"T.T."	4	-	4	100.00

Total Number of Samples Taken.

Examination.	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory.	Total.	Satisfactory %.
Methylene Blue Test.	78	44	122	63.93
Phosphatase.	12	-	12	100.00
B. Tuberculosis.	Not found 20	Present. -	20	100.00

These figures, generally, compare unfavourably with those of the past two years. 36% of the total samples taken failing to pass the Methylene Blue Reduction Test.

Some concern is still felt regarding the high percentage of unsatisfactory samples of Tuberculin Tested Milk, although the result is a slight improvement upon the previous year.

The quantity of "Heat-Treated" milk sent into the area appears to be on the increase. This milk comes from C.W.S. Stockfield, and Dried Milk Products, Ltd, Northallerton. Some trouble was encountered during August with souring of this milk, and the matter was taken up with the Area Milk Officer. Following this action, the position was slightly improved.

Every effort is made, and will continue to be made to ensure that milk retailed within this area is of a satisfactory keeping quality. Copies of Laboratory reports on all samples of milk are forwarded to producers, and dairymen, and in the case of unsatisfactory samples, to Local authorities in whose area, the milk has been produced.

#### FOOD PREMISES.

Frequent and regular inspections of the various food premises in the district were carried out during the year. The general standard of food premises throughout the district remains fairly high.

During the year one application was made to this Council for the registration of premises under Section 14, Food & Drugs Act, 1938, for the sale only, of ice-cream. The premises were duly registered, thus bringing the total of registered food premises up to 49.

#### Slaughter Houses.

The two private slaughter-houses in the district were again licensed, but no killing took place in them - all meat being brought into the district from the centralised abattoir in Newcastle.

#### Adulteration of Food.

The law relating to the composition and adulteration of food and drugs is found mainly in Part 1, of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938.

In this area, this part of the law is administered by the Weights and Measures Department of the Northumberland County Council and I am indebted to Mr. Arlidge, Chief Weights and Measures Inspector for the following statement showing the number, nature of samples and action taken during the year.



Sample of:-	No. of Samples.	Genuine	Not Genuine	Remarks.
Beef Sausage	2	2		
Beer	1	1		
Black Popper	1	1		
Barley Flour	1	1		
Benergy	1	1		
Bicarbonate of Soda	1	1		
Black Pudding	1	1		
Blanc Mange Powder	1	1		
Browning	1	1		
Butter Hints	1	1		
Cocoa	1	1		
Coffee	1	1		
Coffee & Chicory	1	1		
Cooking Fat.	1	1		
Custard	1	1		
Cider	3	3		
Edible Gelatine Powder	1	1		
Fish Cakes	2	2		
Fish Paste	1	1		
Golden Raising Powder	1	1		
Icing Sugar	1	1		
Koraj Tablets	1	1		
Lemon Flavouring	1	1		
Malt Vinegar	6	6		
Malt Cup	1	1		
Malted Milk	1	1		
Mashed Potato Powder	1	1		
Milk	76	72	4	Fined £10 & £7. costs.
Oxtail Soup	1	1		
Potted Meat	1	1		
Raspberry Sponge Mixture	1	1		
Sage	1	1		
Sauce	1	1		
Super Devon Creams	1	1		
Sparkling Devon Cider	1	1		
Tea	3	3		
Table Jelly	1	1		
Whisky	3	1	2	Fined £10 & 35/- costs.
White Popper.	1	1		

INSPECTION OF FOOD.

The following table shows the articles of food, which have been inspected following their voluntary surrender and found unfit for human consumption.

9½ st. Home Killed Beef	7 lbs. Prunes.
116 st. Imported Beef.	30 Pkts. Barlicorn.
215 lbs. Poultry.	8 Pkts. Soup Powder.
15 Fishcakes.	4 lbs. Fudding Mixture.
941 Tinned Goods.	5 Drums Cinnamon.
11 lbs. Butter. 3 ozs. Chicken Broth.	1 lb. Dried Egg.
5 pkts. Rotted Oats.	7½ lbs. Cocoa.
5 Pkts. Frizots.	2 Pkts. Salt. ing
1 Pkt. Semolina.	28 lbs. Flavour/Powder.
1 Jar Mustard.	
11 Pkts. Sage & Onion.	

GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

A perusal of the following tables will give some idea of the number of visits made in connection with matters coming within the purview of this Department, and also with regard to sanitary improvements effected.

TABLE 1.

No. of Visits.

Various Public Health matters.	1662
Housing applications.	309
Drainage:- Enquiries.	112
Smoke Tests.	86
Water Tests.	447
Verminous Premises - visits and re-visits.	86
Infectious Diseases - visits and re-visits,	51
Infectious Diseases - Disinfections.	28
Rodent Infestations.	177
Factories and Workplaces.	192
Stables.	4
Food Premises.	339
Cowsheds, Dairies etc.	24
Places of Public Entertainment.	18
Supervision over Refuse Collection.	28
Miscellaneous visits.	11

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TABLE 11

Sanitary Improvements Effected.

Dwelling Houses:-

Provided with Damp-proof Course.	11
Roofs repaired.	46
Floors repaired, ventilated etc.	21
Plastered walls and ceilings repaired	53
Sashcords renewed.	18
Wood Stores provided, repaired etc.	3
Stairs repaired.	3
Skirting boards provided or repaired.	1
Doors repaired, rehung or renewed.	18
Firegrates repaired, reset or renewed.	1
Chimneys or Chimney stacks repaired.	3
New sinks provided and fixed.	5
Sink Wastes repaired or renewed.	10
Water supply provided inside houses.	11
External Walls pointed.	14
Ovens repaired or renewed.	4
Walls rendered with water-proofed cement.	18
Eaves-gutters and R.W.P. renewed.	72
Yard paving repaired.	4

Drains, Water Closets and Lashes Accommodation:-

Obstructed drains cleansed.	43
Obstructed W.C. cleansed.	2
Hard gullies provided and connected to drains	15
Drains repaired or reconstructed.	19
W.C. basins renewed.	23
W.C. cisterns repaired or renewed.	13
Closet structures repaired.	7
Dustbins provided.	23

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CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I would like to pay tribute to my additional Inspector, Mr. R. W. Sinclair, who has worked well and conscientiously.

I also am indebted to the clerical staff for their continued loyal support and the efficient manner in which they have carried out the duties assigned to them.

I wish to thank Mr. Smith, Cleansing Foreman, who, as usual, has worked very hard, and also the Cleansing Staff generally, who have carried out their duties in a very satisfactory manner.

Yours faithfully,

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